

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.

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The Church of God --Jesus The Head

But Speaking the Truth in Love,
May Grow Up Into Him in All
Things, Which is the Head,
Even Christ. Eph. 4:15.

John E. Attey

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church." Eph. 1:22. The spirit of predomination is satanic. Satan sought to exalt himself above the throne of God, the spirit of exaltation has so possessed man to-day until he has sought to occupy the very position of Christ, that of the head of the Church. The Church of God was purchased with the blood of Jesus. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

Many to-day ask why there are so many churches, were it not for the spirit of leadership and the desire for position, I am sure that there would not be so many. Some illustrate the many churches by railroads that all run to the same station. I wish to say here that there is a vast difference in railroads and churches. Railroads all run in competition one to the other. Do you agree that it is right for churches to run in competition one against the other? Of course you don't, because that would be contrary to God's divine law, for Christ prayed that we all might be one. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." St. John 17:21.

Others say that all the churches are the churches of God. That cannot be so for if they were then they would be in harmony one with the other, furthermore no church can be the Church of God and refuse to accept, teach and practice the whole Bible. Many to-day would be willing to accept the doctrine and recognize the name were it not for the sake of losing the petty position that they hold, that being the head of some man made organization. Say brother if this applies to you why not just come down off of your perch, embrace the faith, recognize the name and accept Jesus as the head and we all as brethren.

There are offices in the Church such as: General Overseer, elders, bishops, evangelists, deacons and exhorters. Of course these offices must be recognized, these are all exalted positions, however the position of standing or being the head of the Church can be filled only by Christ Himself. "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:15, 16.

It is so easy for people to get their eyes off of the great Head of the Church and recognize others. Let us notice a few scriptures to confirm the above statement. "And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly be-

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Awake, Awake, The Need is Great

"Come Over and Help Us."

Mrs. E. E. Simmons

Dear readers of the Evangel, I feel like we need to be stirred up on the line of Foreign Mission work. When I see what efforts the denominational churches are putting forth to advance the cause of Foreign Mission work and the men and women they are sending all over the world it makes me feel the lack of it in the Church of God. We are the only people in the world who claim to have the full Bible and who teach the whole Bible rightly divided, therefore I believe we ought to make a greater effort to get it preached in the Foreign Fields and the Islands of the sea.

There are many of them ready to hear this gospel that have never heard of the Holy Ghost and the Church of God with its government. Many people want to go on and have a better experience, but there is no one to tell them. I feel like we have men and women that will go if we could get them stirred up and have means to keep them up when they go.

I remember while we were in Jamaica we would meet with people that were trying to serve God, but they knew nothing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing or the Church of God. When we would tell them about it their faces would light up and they would want to know how to get the experience. Some would walk from sixteen to twenty miles to hear it preached. Oh, if we could only get as anxious for them to hear it preached as they are to accept it.

They need more workers over there and they need buildings. If we could have had another worker or more to have helped us we could have done much more in the work. We get letters every week from the Church people telling us of their needs in the work. Their buildings are of bamboo with thatched roofs with no floors and so small until they will not hardly hold the church members. When we were there the buildings would not near hold the people that came out. They only have lanterns and small lamps to light them with. You might ask why they don't have better? The reason is they don't get any money to buy with. Some of them couldn't be baptized because they had no clothing for that purpose.

They are a very poor people. They want to have good buildings and good clothes, but they have no help. The missionaries there from other countries have fine buildings. The denominations that send missionaries furnish means for their buildings. The Wesleyan Methodist, the Church of England, the Advents, Salvation Army and many other sects all have nice buildings supported by their home land people.

It makes our people feel like they are neglected on that line. Many Foreign Lands need this gospel. I am sure we ought to bestir ourselves and try harder to help on this line. I believe if the whole Church could feel this and see this just as it is there would be more done. Every pastor ought to stir his church on Foreign Mission Day. When we came back from Jamaica I asked some of the people where we pastored before we went away to forgive me for being negligent about this matter, but I want to say the people are going to hear from me this year on Foreign Mission.

I have seen the need and feel

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THE BEGINNING OF SIN

Text.—For As in Adam All Die, Even So in Christ Shall All Be Made Alive.—1 Cor. 15:22.

F. J. Lee

Let us by faith look back to the Garden of Eden. Can we not see the beautiful, green grass and shrubbery, also the trees and flowers and the beautiful rippling stream? Everything seems to picture peace and happiness. The animals and birds were tame, everything



loved Adam their new master, also Eve. They too were happy, no sickness, no sadness or pain. The entire atmosphere of the Garden was freighted with the sweet aroma of the flowers and shrubbery. Could any one think it not a delightful place?

We find at Genesis 2:10-14, that the Garden may be practically located by the means of four rivers. Two of them being the Euphrates (Hiddekel) and Tigris. During the war the announcement was made that the British soldiers had entered the Garden of Eden and taken it from the Turks. We may never know the exact location of this Garden, but it is enough for us to know that it did exist. We also may get a little satisfaction of knowing that it may be practically located by the means of these rivers.

In Adam All Die.

Can we imagine the glory in the home of our fore-parents? Peace, happiness, joy, rest, comfort and satisfaction, a real heaven on earth, no thought of death, sickness or suffering ever coming to blight their happiness. But alas! Adam, Adam what have you done? Our home is wrecked, our peace and happiness gone, we must toil against briars, thorns and tens of thousands of other things that shall arise to hinder and weaken the human race, our children are sickly, they also succumb to death.

Often God frowns upon us in storms, hurricanes, plagues and hundreds of other calamities. What is the cause? The poet says, "Sin is to blame." What furnishes the penitentiaries, jails and work-houses with inmates? Who is to blame for that precious young man in stripes under guard, using the pick and shovel? The answer is "Sin is to blame."

Illustration.

"There is a strange tree called the Judas-tree, to whose brilliant blossoms many insects are attracted only to be killed by sipping the poisonous fluid within. The ground beneath these trees is thickly covered with victims. Although the flowers are beautiful and promise good things to the bees, the bees must keep away from them if they would live. This is the lesson which our Genesis-story teaches: some things which ap-

pear to be good are like these flowers, temptations from which we must keep away if we would escape their harm."

Eve saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise. Is not this the case with every one whom Satan has captured? He always sets before his subject a very attractive temptation, sometimes coming through the eyesight, other times through the appetite, or desire to excel in some worldly affair, this coming through the channel of pride.

In this manner Satan captured the inhabitants of the world and in the same manner he is holding them to-day.

Illustration.

Temptation is the tempter looking through the keyhole into the room where you are living: sin is your drawing back the bolt and making it possible for him to enter.—Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman.

Turn to the Right.

"When you meet temptation, turn to the right." Adam and Eve did not do this, they met it face to face, they met it with their eyes, with their appetite, with longings for worldly wisdom, but instead of turning to the right they went straight into it, thereby bringing both physical and spiritual death upon the entire race.

Edge tools, edge tools; never play with 'em.—Martin Chuzzlewit.

"Tempted, tempted," do I hear you say?

Turn your face another way. For why should you linger in temptation's call, And continue to suffer the ravages of the fall?

Only look to Him who came to emancipate you from the awful curse.

Yes turn your face another way. Jesus says, "I am the way." When we go the Jesus way we are on the right way. He told the discouraged disciples to cast their net on the right side, they did so, and were successful. "The right side" means nothing more than obeying Jesus. If they through despondency had refused to obey His request they would not have caught the one hundred and fifty-three great fish. Let us remember that the right side is Jesus' side, that is believing in Him and taking Him at His Word. He is the light, He is the bread, He is the water, He is the life. He is the truth, He is the way, He is our peace, our hope, our all. In fact that which we lost in Adam we may receive in Jesus Christ. In Adam we became sick, discouraged, faint-hearted, subject to pain and death, but Jesus the second Adam has come to encourage and to heal us of sickness and pain, also to save us from eternal death.

Adam laid the blame on the woman, the woman laid the blame on the serpent. This is the case today the same as at that day. When one is overtaken in sin he immediately states "I never would have yielded if it had not been for the other fellow," but after all, Satan is to blame and Jesus

Gold Dug From Other's Mines

Helpful Thoughts for Christians

Carl M. Padgett

To gain the sweet, strong mood of calmness we must develop the contemplative life. The cold will numb the limbs when the heart slackens its beat. The soul mounting to God comes no higher but the archfiend PRIDE mounts at her side. The test of a gift is its power of service.

It seems remarkable that spiritual minded men should need to be warned against the temptation of pride. "I saw in my dream that at the very gate of heaven there was a door to hell."

There is ever a danger of making religion a matter of emotion. No religion however real and vivid in its personal appeal can be safe if the intellect has not been secured in its service.

We are daily living below our conscience and below our convictions, and far below our privileges and all because we do not live our life with continual reverence to God, with thought, affections, hopes and desires circling toward Him as a bird hovering to its nest.

It is not so much great talents God blesses as great likeness to Christ.

My soul wait thou upon God, with the holy meditations which make a man calm at the heart and strong for all the needs of living; let the world go past with its dust of noise, with its fret and fume; my soul wait thou upon God.

Passion draws a man into its smothering folds and in weakness he gives in, believing that thus he will get rest from the struggle and rest from conscience. He is only piling up the fires of his own hell.

An unreflecting Christian walks in twilight amongst snares and pitfalls.

Evil thoughts dallied with and made welcome blossom into evil deeds. Imagination uncontrolled usually means, imaginations run riot. The first step in the ruin of a man's life is by the indulgence of a misplaced curiosity. An immoral catastrophe comes all of a sudden, it has a long history of evil imaginations, finding pleasure in them, giving them house room, living with them and loving them.

Self control must begin here. (Continued on page 4.)

came to destroy the works of the devil.

The Curse of Sin.

There is not one evil that sin has not brought me. There is not one good that has come in its train; It hath cursed me through life, and its sorrows have sought me.

Each day that went by, in want, sickness, or pain. And then when this life of affliction is ended,

What a home for my weary heart did it prepare?

The anger of Him whom my sins had offended, And a night, the sick night, of eternal despair.

—F. W. Faber.

S—Stands for suffering, sadness, sickness and sorrow.

I—Stands for intemperance, indifference and idleness.

N—Stands for neglect, nervousness, not now, never to be saved.

Sin is a very small word, but it shakes this world, fills the prisons, wrecks homes, populates hell, brings on the great tribulation, makes necessary a second resurrection and the judgment.

Our hope is in Christ. Look to Him now and live.

Remember The Missionaries

Bright Prospects For the
Foreign Fields.

J. H. Ingram

By this time no doubt many of the Evangel readers are wondering about the work in Bermuda and what became of the brother who went there as a missionary at the close of the 20th Annual Assembly. That is why I am writing at this time. I feel like you are entitled to this bit of information concerning my recent trip to those islands.

Now to begin with, some may ask where are the Bermudas and to what country do they belong? They are a group of coral islands off our Atlantic coast, about 1,100 miles north east of the Bahamas. They are reached by steamers of the "Furness Bermuda Line" sailing out of New York. The distance from New York to Hamilton, Bermuda is 704 nautical miles (792 land miles.) They are British possessions and have a total area of twenty square miles and a population of 20,000, two-thirds of them being colored. The climate is semi-tropical, the average yearly temperature being about seventy degrees.

The natives, both white and colored, are very hospitable and intelligent as a rule. Most of them have church affiliation, and many are taking their stand for Pentecost. They are stepping out in the light of the full gospel of the Son of God and I am made to rejoice when I glance backward six years ago when God called me out to tell these dear people about the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and the great Church of God.

I found the same prayer meeting in progress where God met with us so wonderfully on our other visit to the island and poured out His Spirit upon hungry hearts. Brother J. A. Lum, who had charge of this phase of the work, has been wonderfully used by the Lord and has proven a great blessing to the people.

I am also glad to see the three good missions which were being fostered by Brother Thomas Trott and his associates, Brother Henry Caisey and Brother Absalom Bean, ministers of the United Holy Church of America. We can readily see that the Pentecostal doctrine is getting well founded in Bermuda for these good folks have the blessing. They are really saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and shout and dance and talk in tongues just like our folks over here do. I am looking forward to the time when all, or many of them at least, will be sheltered in the great Church of God, "The pillar and ground of the truth."

I could have set a church in order this trip with several good members, including two young ministers, but would not as I was expecting to get a call to come home at any time on account of sickness. I did not want to leave the little flock to wander away. I regretted very much to do so, but found it necessary to return home to my family as two of our children were sick several weeks. My wife had worked, worried and lost sleep until she herself was near a nervous breakdown. With all this however she never complained, but was willing to work and suffer in order to keep me on the field. It was only after

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.
We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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We are delighted with the hearty co-operation of many of our members and friends in aiding us to partially overcome the difficulties that we have had in getting the paper to the subscribers. We cordially invite all who may know of any irregularity in the delivery of the paper or any of our publications to advise us, giving full particulars about the matter.

The writer recently visited the Church of God at Detroit, Michigan where he was engaged for a dedication service in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother D. R. Moreland, who is doing general evangelistic work in the Church of God, was also present and began an evangelistic campaign the week following the dedication service. Brother Moreland is a very successful evangelist and is held in high esteem by the officials of the Church. Therefore we take pleasure in saying that any Church who may be successful in engaging the service of this evangelist would do well.

A word to our Sunday Schools throughout the Church. We wish to advise you that we have recently published a **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS RECORD BOOK**. This is a record book for the benefit of each individual class which provides a record by Sundays, quarters and the whole year. It is very condensed, easily kept, self explanatory, the price is \$.15 per copy.

Well, all of our hearts are made glad on account of the approach of beautiful springtime and everything seems to be taking on new energy and courage. The whole earth seems to be jubilant as the beautiful buds begin to swell, the grass put forth, the flowers begin to bloom, the hills and valleys begin to put on their most lovely appearance of springtime. While all nature begins to awake from its long winters sleep, lays aside its dull robes and puts on its nice and beautiful robes of summer. Now is the time the birds begin to sing and all of God's creation seems to be quickened into new life. Surely every minister and worker should go forth into this revival season confidently expecting it to be the greatest in the history of the Church.

The editor is pleased to advise the many friends and acquaintances of our esteemed Brother and Sister M. P. Cross of Detroit, Michigan that the Lord is wonderfully blessing and crowning their efforts with abundant success. We are of the firm belief that there are bright prospects for the Church of God in the northern states. For the success of the Church we advise that all of the saints earnestly pray.

The closing exercise of the local Bible Training School of this City will take place at the Church of God Auditorium, corner Montgomery and 24th Streets, April 16, 7:30 p. m. This is the event of one of the most successful terms of the Bible Training School. The Prospects bid fair to the coming session that begins about November 1, to far exceed in number any previous term. This school has been very ably conducted by T. S. Payne, Superintendent, assisted by Sister E.

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much prayer and many tears that I decided to postpone the work there. I left many in tears saying, "If you can't come back Brother Ingram send some one else." On account of the great financial obligation involved in taking my large family there and the work so limited I question as to whether I shall return next Assembly or not. Provided I can stay home and be on good terms with the Master and those who are over me in the Lord, at least I want some one to go if I do not get to return. Dear reader pray and listen to the voice of God. Go to the mission field or help to send others by giving of your means. **REMEMBER THE MISSIONARIES.**—404 Culvert St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Requests

Mrs. Anna Collins, Millstone, Kentucky, requests prayer that her two boys may be saved.

Mrs. Gertie Clark, Mt. Pleasant, Texas requests prayer that she may get back to the Lord. W. F. Clark, Mt. Pleasant, Texas desires to know the address of W. W. Rush.

Mrs. Annie Anderton, Warrior, Alabama requests prayer for her boy that he may be healed of pneumonia and an abscess of the lungs. She also requests prayer that he may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Correction
In the Evangel under date of March 6, there was a request by J. L. Burt. It should have been by his son, Avenon Burt.

The Church of God is Right

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for all He has done for me and the way He is blessing me. Praise His dear name for all His loving kindness. There is no place like going to the dear old Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth and getting your soul food that you may be able to stand the trials of this world in this evil day. We can see sin on every hand, but I am so glad we can have the grace to stand true amid all the cunning devices of the devil.

Let us all pray for lost souls, more than ever, for those good hearted ones that are deceived. Lord help us to let our light shine as never before for Jesus is coming soon.

Brother Messer is here with us now to stay in the mountains and I believe the dear Lord is going to do a work that will tell in eternity. Let us all sing, "The Church of God is right," from the bottom of our heart.
G. W. Bumgarner.

Much Interest Shown in Meeting

DUNN, La.—I am praising God this morning for His blessings. Praising Him for the meeting that has just closed at this place which was a great success. Brother W. E. Raney of Empire, Alabama, a real man of God, gave out the Word with power. Much interest was shown.

There were thirteen saved, eight sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and seven added to the great Church of God. The meeting closed with many hungry hearts. I am sure when Brother Raney gets to heaven and can see the yield of the Word planted in the hearts of the people he will not regret his short stay in Louisiana.

Brother J. C. Coats, our State Overseer, and wife were also with us in the meeting. Praise God for men and women that will hold up the Church of God standard. Brother Coats is a man of God who believes in feeding the flock.

I am glad that I have given my life to Jesus and am trusting Him for both soul and body. I am glad for Jesus and the visit He made to this world to redeem men and women from their sins.—Amanda L. Fuller.

L. Moore. Surely God is blessing on every line.

NOTICES

R. M. Falk who formerly lived at Wimauma it is to your interest to get in touch with me. Please let me hear from you at once.—I. H. Marks, Wimauma, Florida.

We will start a meeting at this place the second Sunday in April.

All who read this pray for our success.—L. B. Owens, Dillon, S. C.

Dedicatory Service

There is to be an all day meeting and dinner on the ground at the Church of God of Berryton, Georgia, the Fourth Sunday in April (Apr. 25.)

The Church is to be dedicated and F. J. Lee, our General Overseer, will be in charge. We are also expecting Brother Chess and wife, students from the Bible School in Cleveland, to be with us. There will be special music by Berryton String Band.

We invite all neighboring churches: Lindale, Rome, Dalton, LaFayette, Bankhead, etc., and everybody.

Come and let us enjoy a feast with the Lord and sweet fellowship with one another; and some day we shall hear His precious words: "Come ye blessed of my Father." Pray for the meeting.

H. L. Trim and wife, pastor.

We are now ready to begin work on the big tabernacle at Offerman, Ga. We expect to have it ready for the big camp meeting which convenes about the 21st of August. Quite a number who subscribed last year have not paid.

Let all send the amount they subscribed to Brother J. L. Sinclair, Offerman, Ga., so the work will not be stopped. If all will be prompt who subscribed we can go right through with the work. We expect to make this the best camp meeting of all.—S. J. Heath in charge.

Home Coming Day

The Church of God at Mt. Vernon, Illinois will have Home Coming Day April 11, D. V.

We cordially invite all the neighboring churches and ministers to come and enjoy the day with us. We will have all day meeting with dinner. We are expecting a great time with the Lord and His people. We are looking for YOU to be here.—John O. Yates, pastor.

A revival will begin at Somerset, Kentucky, April 10. Brother J. W. Nelson of Soddy, Tennessee will be in charge. We are looking for a great outpouring of His Spirit.

The saints are shouting the victory. Wednesday night prayer meetings seem like revival services. The members seem to be in unity and God is blessing us wonderfully. Pray much for our success.—J. S. Douglas, pastor.

NOTICE TO ALL THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN VIRGINIA

Since your former Overseer, Brother W. B. Davis, has resigned I have been appointed to finish the unexpired term. I am now in Virginia on the job and expect to visit every church as soon as possible. Any one needing my assistance I would be glad to hear from you at any time.

I am not permanently located yet, but you may write me at Marion, Virginia.—John C. Jernigan, State Overseer.

TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN WEST VIRGINIA

I am writing you all these few lines as a reminder of some things that we should do. I am sure all want to be loyal, but sometimes we neglect things. There were some changes made at the last Assembly in the mission offerings, so now there should be an offering taken every other month for missions, and every other month for the Orphanage.

The churches have been supplied with cards showing when each offering should be taken. So let us all be loyal so West Virginia will not be behind in doing her share for the Lord.

I notice too that some of our

ministers have not been reporting regular. Now this is a ruling of the Assembly, and is also a teaching of the Bible, so let us all make our reports regular every month. If you are not doing much make your report anyhow, as this will show that you intend to be loyal. If you do not have the report blanks you can get them by writing to the General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn.

Let us all be loyal and do our best to make this the best year for the Church of God in West Virginia.—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of W. Va.

A SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to unwarranted rumors going the round that M. S. Lemons is no more a minister in the Church of God, his ministry having been revoked because of immoral conduct. We hereby take the privilege, of branding this a false rumor of a malicious nature. M. S. Lemons is reporting regular to Headquarters, he holds his credentials and is in good standing.

We have found that this rumor is being circulated by an opposer of the Church of God, one who has not held papers from the Church in several years.

Any one desiring to get in touch with Brother Lemons may reach him at Lemon City, Fla. F. J. Lee

Special Notice

There will be Home Coming Day at the Church of God, Tampa, Florida, April 11.

All members are especially urged to be present, but if circumstances are such that render it impossible for you to come please write us a good testimony to be read on that date.

We further extend this invitation to everybody else that will come, remember you are cordially invited to come and have a good time in the Lord. Most especially the churches on the district are invited to be here. All outsiders come and be with us.

We are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord. There will be all day service with dinner. We are planning a special program which we hope will be interesting to all who are there, and we are expecting the Mighty Trinity to be there in full power. There will be several good preachers on hand to furnish the soul food that's needed. There will be many other things to enjoy, too numerous to mention.

Come and see for yourself and you will be satisfied.—E. W. Williams, pastor.

You are welcome to attend the dedication services at Miami, Florida. We will dedicate our new building the third Sunday of April. We will be glad to have all the churches in the State to attend, especially those on the east coast, as this date will include our Sunday school union for the first quarter.

Come and let us enjoy a good time in the Lord. The Miami band will furnish some good music. Come one and all for the glory of God. Prof. U. P. Bronson will conduct the Sunday school union.—John W. Curry, pastor, David LaFleur, State Overseer.

Home Coming Day for Harlan Church

The Harlan church is very badly scattered and cannot come to church very often, therefore we are planning on having a Home Coming Day the fourth Sunday in May. We are expecting our State Overseer to be with us then as he was pastor of this church for six or seven years and I know the brethren will feel at home. We are expecting to have communion and feet washing.

I want to invite all the members of the aforesaid church to make every possible effort to be here then, for we are already having a general good time in the Lord. When a family all comes home then there is a happy family circle.

The Harlan church is in the center of the Harlan District which is under my jurisdiction and I also want to extend this

invitation to the brothers and sisters of other churches that would be interested in being with us on that day.

Everything is looking good now for the Harlan church as she has been going through a hard struggle for sometime. The heavy volleys of the enemy seem to be growing weaker all the time. I think it will be just a matter of time until we can claim the whole victory and praise Jesus for the same.—Starling Smith, pastor.

E. C. Bradburn, Herndon, W. Va., wants to know the address of Brother and Sister Homer Clark. Last heard of in Virginia. If you will let him know he will return the postage.

TO THE MEMBERS AT CROWN HILL, W. Va.

It was agreed on my last appointment there to have all day meeting the second Sunday in May and a general home gathering for the members of that church. If any cannot come please write and let us know of your whereabouts and spiritual condition. Come if you can and pray that God will give us a glorious time in His presence.—Laud L. Vaught, pastor.

Explanation and Apology

Referring to a certain article written by me and appearing in the Church of God Evangel under date of February 27, and also an explanation by F. J. Lee under date of March 13. I beg leave to make the following explanation and apology.

It was not my intention to reflect on the business action of any local church, official or minister, neither was it my intention to interfere or infringe upon the just rights of my brethren. Yet, at the same time I must confess that the article had that appearance and subject to an interpretation beyond that which I really intended.

It was only my intention to speak in a general way and not personate as the article appeared. While it is true I have discovered in my travels a number of things which seemed detrimental to the best interest of the Church. Members driven out from our ranks who know the Church of God is right will wander about trying to find a place to go. Not finding the tender arms and love of the dear old Church of God go down never to rise again. Possibly if we had dealt with them a little longer with more prayer and tears we might have won them back to God.

Now, while I am engaged in general evangelistic work I feel it would be out of place for me to review the action of any local church, pastor or overseer, although they may have been dealt with wrongly they have a right to appeal their case to higher court and get justice. The great Church of God is not a one sided affair, but full of love and truth. It is my sincere desire to render service that will prove a blessing wherever I go. Now therefore after mature thought and prayerful consideration I must humbly beg all who may have been grieved or offended at any part of the article to forgive me. I don't believe any of my big brothers or little ones either have any little brother who loves you more than this one.—D. R. Moreland, evangelist.

THE CHURCH OF GOD —JESUS THE HEAD

(Continued from page 1.)

holding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker." Acts 14:8-12.

In the above scripture possibly the people there did not worship the true and living God, yet they were religiously inclined. When Paul and Barnabas came into their community and through the power of the Holy Child Jesus performed that wonderful miracle the people did not stop to consider from whence came the power that enabled these men to work that miracle. They recognized the men to an extent that they would have sacrificed unto them, but Paul and Barnabas forbid them. People are inclined to worship the creature more than the Creator. Just because God honors some of His children with talents and gifts which enables them to perform exploits is no reason why they should be exalted above measure. If these people whom God hath so blessed, instead of heaping to themselves the honor, would exhort the people to worship God after the example of Paul and Barnabas then we would be glorified.

Notice the conditions that existed at Corinth. "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" 1 Cor. 1:12, 13. The Church at that time was on the verge of a split because some of its members held certain men in admiration instead of Christ. Some were planning on following Paul, some Apollos and others Cephas. Paul arrived in good time and said just the right thing at just the right time and in my opinion the words that brought the Corinthians to their senses were, "Is Christ divided?"

No, Christ is not divided, neither is His Church, nor is there more than one head to the Church. Conditions to-day are very much like they were in the days of the apostles, men are rising up and are speaking perverse things for no other purpose other than to draw away disciples after them. While that condition is true, yet I am convinced that the wisest thing for the disciples to do is to continue to recognize Jesus as the great head of the Church and F. J. Lee as General Overseer as long as he remains true to the principles of the Church of God. In so doing I am sure that we will be led in the paths of righteousness, and at last rewarded by an abundant entrance into the realms of eternal bliss. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body." Eph. 5:22, 23. With this quotation I will close.

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A Student From Illinois

I thank God for the grand privilege of attending the Bible School. I also thank Him for preparing a place where men, women, boys and girls can come to study His Word in unity and love, and hunt out the hidden truths. They are worth more than gold to us.

Every one here loves the school and do their best for it and boost it every opportunity. We have one of the finest classes of students that can be found. We all love our teachers, they are good and kind and do their best for the students good.

We have regular lessons through the day and every evening at 6:00 p. m. we have an hour of singing then one hour and a half of study then prayer and dismissal. We pray at least six times a day: sometimes the glory of the Lord comes down and fills the room and we rejoice. We have a morning prayer from 5:00 to 6:00 a. m. and the Lord is with us in our prayers, and we can see the results of them.

On Friday afternoon we have preaching. Friday, at 7:00 p. m. we have prayer meeting. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the people. Men, women, boys and girls are getting blessings from the bountiful hand of God.

We are expecting to have a much better term next year and about twice as many students. People are just beginning to learn about this good thing and realize more of its benefits. We are nearing the close of this term and every one is studying for commencement exercises. The time will soon pass away and we will have to separate. We leave here making plans to meet each other again next term.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may do the Lord's will at all times. — Erven E. Bray.

A Student From Florida

As the school is so near out and every student having been assigned to write to the Evangel, a volunteer was called for. I quickly responded, not to throw myself forward in the least, but to have an opportunity to boost this great and noble institution.

I feel like making a strong appeal to every Christian worker, and especially to the young ministry, to attend the Bible School. Who said you would lose the victory? If you are sad or discouraged, if you are hungry for the presence of the Lord to fill your soul, this is one of the best places there is to get your heart's desire.

When the children of Israel were greatly oppressed by the Midianites an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites." Gideon tried to render excuses sufficient to have himself excused, but the Lord said, "Go." Gideon finally went and put the armies of the Midianites to flight. They won a great victory by going forth.

We need to equip ourselves with the right kind of armour and go out for the Lord, for we can do much more for Him if we will get firmly established in the doctrine of the Bible. We can then face the gainsaying world face to face and declare the whole counsel of God without fear of any successful contradiction. Why? Because we know whereof we speak.

Some might ask if there is any question asked which we cannot answer. We can find out what the Bible says about the subject. The Bible is our standard and we are willing to take what it says. All the students are glad to have some experienced ministers in school for they can present questions to be answered that we will be confronted by and we can receive experience from them. All these are an advantage to those who have had little or no experience on the battlefield.

Friends this school is one of

the quickest ways for the ministry of the Church of God to see eye to eye and speak the same thing. If you can't attend yourself send some one who would come if they had sufficient means. — Geo. A. Douglas.

A Student From Louisiana

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Ps. 91: 1, 2.

We are glad that we can put our trust in the Lord and enjoy His blessings. We are glad also that we are allowed the privilege of attending the Bible School, because this is a place where many valuable things are taught.

The Lord is favoring us with blessings innumerable. Some of the students have received the Holy Ghost since they have been in school. We sure have good order and some of the best people in school that I have ever been associated with. Every one seems to love the teachers. They sure are good to us and it seems they have very much patience. We never get any scoldings, but we all try to be good. We have rules to go by and every one that obeys them gets along fine.

We have something like fifty in school now. Several have been compelled to return home. Many are expecting to come again next term; we are looking for more than a hundred. We will need more room next term; the crowd will be too large for this place. If you want to do the right thing and desire to get better prepared for the Master's service I am sure this is the place for you to become qualified.

We have several subjects. We have five nights of every week for study period of two and one half hours. An hour of this time is taken for instruction in music, and every one enjoys it. I don't see how any of us can afford to stay away next term. I am sure there will be many to go out on the battlefield and give Satan a black eye. Only a few more days until school will be out and old Satan will have to take a back track wherever these people go.

If you are interested in the school, write Brother T. S. Payne and he will give you all the information you need. If you don't believe the Lord blesses in the school come and see for yourself and I am sure you will be convinced when you come.

Brother J. B. Ellis spent part of two days with us and we enjoyed having him. We have preaching every Friday afternoon and every one has an opportunity to show his ability.

Every Saturday some of the students go out to different places to hold meetings. It isn't any trouble to get a place to preach here. The people want to hear the gospel and we, as the Church of God, are eager to help them. Please pray much for us. — C. A. Ober.

THE LORD BLESSING IN PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND

READING, Pa.—I want the Evangel family to know how God is blessing in Maryland and Pennsylvania. God has given us one new church in Pennsylvania. One Original Church preacher and seven of his members came into the great Church of God.

Brother Fred B. Marine has bought a building at Eldo, Maryland and is going to deed it to the Church of God. Brother Marine is an evangelist in the Church of God. He has given up all for God and His Church.

The work at Salisbury, Maryland is rising and shining. At St. Luke near Fruitland, Maryland, where the enemy burned down our tabernacle last summer, the people have given us timber to build a church back on the same ground. The timber is partly cut and we are expecting to build soon. Brother Frank Owens gave us, nearly two acres of ground, deeded to

The Harlan District Convention, Feb. 26-28

H. M. Bates
Friday night the saints began to gather. You could see the love of God manifested through handshakes and kind words of greetings. For an opening lesson the State Overseer, G. A. Fore, read Psalm 33. Brother Starling Smith gave the welcome address and made everybody feel at home. Brother E. H. Haunshell of Twila responded. This was his first district meeting and he was glad to be here.

After a song the power fell and God put His approval on the meeting.

Saturday morning Brother Fore read for a lesson Eph. 3. Brother R. H. Bell of Williamsburg gave a very interesting message on the subject of our Union to Christ and Relationship to each other, which gave much strength to the saints. This was followed by a message from our State Evangelist, H. M. Bates, on, The House on the Rock. Text, Matt. 7:24. This message was received with shouts of praises for the good work that is going on. Short talk by Brother Fore which was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the message was delivered by Brother Starling Smith, subject "A Man with a Message" which was given with power, showing us how we need the right kind of gospel messages in this day to give the Church of God soul food and to lead souls to Christ, and to get ready for the Rapture. This was followed by a message from J. A. Hendrix on Hindered Prayer. The 4th chapter of James was read for a lesson; showing the saints why their prayers were hindered and told us what to do so the Lord would answer our prayers. The power fell and message in tongues and interpretation as follows: "I have gathered you here in my heavenly sanctuary that I may bless and help you and that you may be able to overcome the enemy, therefore look up and be of good courage. My children I say unto you that your disloyalty to my Church is causing my cause to suffer and therefore you must wake up, do your duty or I cannot bless you more." The saints caught the spirit of what God wanted them to do and the power fell in a wonderful way. After the saints quieted down Brother Goforth brought the message on, The Unity of the Faith, reading for a lesson the 4th chapter of Ephesians.

The Saturday night service was a time of rejoicing after which Brother Fore brought the message on, The Harvest and the Sickle: text Joel 3:13. He showed us the need of the hour, of how we need more laborers in the vineyard to gather the souls in the great Church of God. Altar call was given and twelve came forth for prayer. After a very interesting program on Sunday school work Sunday morning, Brother Fore delivered a wonderful message on, The Pastor and his flock. Text, 1 Thess. 5:12, 13 of which he gave out with power showing pastors and churches their duty to each other. A wonderful time of rejoicing as the power fell while this message was given out. This service closed at 2:00 p. m.

Sunday night a large crowd gathered and we had a great time of rejoicing and praising the Lord, after which Brother R. H. Bell brought the message on, The Signs of the Times which was very profitable to the unsaved. Three were saved at the altar service. Many said that the Sunday night service was the best ever held in Harlan. The Church of God is coming to the front in old Kentucky. Hurrah boys, come on with your prayers and let's do our best.

The Church of God, for a cemetery. I am just praising God for the good loyal workers that are willing to suffer. If Georgia has any more good workers like Brother and Sister Bloomingdale and Sister Kalb, come we need you.

The Church in Wilmington, Delaware is also rising and shining. Brother Harris is loyal to the Church of God government, that is one secret of success, the other secrets are humility and perseverance. — H. W. Po-teat, Overseer of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Just Good Common Sense

Good Old Mothers Know What is Best.

F. J. Lee

There seems to be some misunderstanding, about the public bathing and bobbed hair proposition.

The Assembly saw that public bathing had become ridiculous. It appearing that both men and women try to go as near naked as the law would allow them, so in open session they decided that it should not continue so, among Church of God members.

I will state further that there are perhaps some exceptions to this ruling, of course there would be no objection to men assembling and appearing in a half nude manner if they will absolutely prohibit the women attending or participating, also the women may indulge in the half nude, bathing manner if they keep the men away.

This is the question: Would these bathings continue if the opposite sex are kept separate? I leave this for you to answer.

What privileges may we have on this bathing proposition? My answer is a tub of water, a cake of soap and a rag, also two or three pounds of "elbow grease."

What of a man taking his family to a private bathing? There could be no reasonable objection to this. This is his business, and if he is acting privately, let him continue so. That is, do not take this up and air to the public.

We are to use good judgment and common sense about everything. I am persuaded that no parent who wants his daughter to be an upright, honest, virtuous lady, will ever allow her to lay aside her modesty to appear before young men as thousands are doing. I am sure this he would not allow, if he would but only stop to meditate, and let common sense offer a suggestion.

Bobbing the Hair.

Now to the bobbed hair proposition. Several have written to me about this. Some state that the Assembly has become very rigid. The Assembly says, that our members are not to bob the hair. Then who are members? Usually they are not under twelve years of age, I believe that when a girl is old enough to repent, be saved and become a member she is old enough for her mother to quit bobbing her hair.

I have advised some that with very small children I could see no reason why any one should object to trimming their hair. You say Solomon advises to train them in the way they should go and when they are grown up they will not from it depart. I am sure that his suggestion is right, but the thought of training may mean more than some might have thought of at first. If the hands hang downward at all times they will not grow. If the lower limbs are bound they will not grow, they must be exercised. How many mothers know that if you would have your girls to own a heavy head of long hair it is best to trim the ends of it for a few years? Maybe until they are old enough to become members of the Church, but you should never trim it to be like the world. When they become older, their hair has become thicker and heavier, they like Paul will then put away childish things.

If the woman is to have a heavy waving glory, she gets it by having mother care for and train it while she is only a small child.

If it is right for men to wear trousers why do we not put trousers on the baby boy? You say it is not convenient. It is also more convenient for the little six and seven year old girl to wear the hair short. This is just common sense.

Revival Closed With Victory

OAK, Fla. — We have just closed an eighteen days revival with great victory. Brother W. A. Sullivan, our pastor and district overseer, in charge. Brother J. A. Lewis of Fort Myers was here to help in the meeting. The Lord enabled the brothers to give out the messages with great love and power. We had a good sized building and it was full nearly every night. One evening we went to a sis-

Orphanage Report

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 27

FROM MISS GLADYS LOWE, Thomaston, Ga., 2 small cakes; 11 apples; 9 oranges; 11 quilt squares; 3 pr. boy's pants and waists.

FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD, Lynchburg, Va., the following: Sister W. A. Woody—3 yds. gingham; Sister Mann—1 girl's slip; 2 petticoats; 1 pr. shoes; Sister Stowe—1 girl's slip; 1 boy's middy suit; 2 pr. gloves; 1 pr. hose.

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ELEVEN ADDED TO THE CHURCH

PITTSBURG, Ill. — We have just closed a three weeks meeting at this place in which the dear Lord wonderfully blessed. There were nineteen souls saved, thirteen sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God, and eleven were added to the Church of God.

Pittsburg is a small mining town and the working conditions are bad at this time, but I have never seen bigger hearted people in any place. The small tabernacle was packed to overflowing most every night and the good order we had was to be noted. The young people and all outside people seemed to reverence and enjoy the meeting and many of the members of other churches came and did all they could to help the meeting.

Brother White, a Baptist minister, came and preached for us one night and the Methodist minister was with us one night and we enjoyed his prayer, some of the good singers from other churches came and rendered good service. The Christian Church was kind in letting us use some of their chairs to help seat the people. Well, in fact, all the people were so good to us until we just decided to stay with them awhile or make Pittsburg our headquarters so I have moved my family here. Any one wishing to write us may address us at Pittsburg, Ill.

Brother McAnally is pastor of the Church here and he is doing his best to build the work up. Our next meeting will be at West Frankfort, Ill.

We desire the prayers of all God's people that he may continue to bless and give us souls. — Luther A. Richard.

ter's home to pray for the healing of her body, she had been under the doctor's care for years. The Lord wonderfully healed her and the next night she was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, glory to God. She is now telling others what wonderful things the Lord has done for her. Some fought the baptism of the Holy Ghost, said folks just said glory until their tongue got tired then claimed it was the Holy Ghost, but when they saw some get the Holy Ghost they acknowledged there must be something to it, praise our God.

On Sunday, February 21, we organized a Sunday school. The following Sunday we had a baptismal service at Indian Lake. There were twenty-four saved, nine sanctified, twelve received the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water and seventeen added to the Church of God.

Brother Lewis brought part of his family with him, all of whom helped with the music. Sister Lewis plays the bango, Brother Lewis the violin, their ten year old boy beats the drum and the little eight year old daughter the tambourine. Brother J. L. Langford of Willis-ton played the piano.

We are now building a tabernacle and hope to have it finished soon. We ask the prayers of all that we may ever be found at our post of duty. — Ellen Jarvis.

A Missionary Journey in the Bahamas

ROCK SOUND ELEUTHREA, Bahamas.—I am glad to report victory on the battlefield for Jesus. I left Nassau Dec. 15 for Tarpon Bay. I met Brother Culmer and Brother Carey from Miami, standing up for the Bible rightly divided. We held two meetings there and we left together on the mail, they returned to Miami and I went to Palmetto Point where the Lord blessed me. Three were sanctified and many saw the light on holiness. I left there on the next mail and came to Rock Sound where I found all the saints scattered, the devil was raging and the dear ones were wandering in the cold. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Thank God when they heard the voice of Jesus calling then ten came running back to the fold. The Church was revived and more came into the fold, now we have twenty-six members: five were saved, sixteen sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. The saints here are without a good shepherd, but I trust they will get one soon. We are looking to God for better days when holiness will be re-established on Rock Sound.

I left Rock Sound two weeks ago and went to Deep Creek and showed the people the light on holiness and many were convinced of the truth and were blessed; forty were sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. I left there and preached at Waterford and ten received the blessing. I left there the next day for Whymo Bight and preached there and that night fourteen received the Pentecostal shower. The Methodist preacher's wife and son are shouting the victory, glory to Jesus. The devil raged, but thank God victory was ours.

I went to Grand Castle and held an eight days meeting and fifteen were blessed. They are standing on the devil's head, glory to Jesus. The devil is mad, but I am glad. I am having great persecutions, but I need the prayers of the saints for me to get perfect victory over the devil. The enemy is doing all he can to put me in prison, the magistrate gave orders for me to close my meetings at nine o'clock. One night the priest got a warrant to take me to prison, but before they got to the meeting house it was closed, one of the preachers from the Baptist sent a police to have me arrested while I was holding my services on the street, but when the police came to have me arrested I was gone. Thank God, He promised to keep me from the hands of mine enemies.

I am running a revival now and white and colored have gone down to the altar to receive the Pentecostal shower. Pray for the work here that God will add more to the Church of God. Yours in the battle. — Clemencia J. Mallory.

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Young Folks What Will You Do With Jesus?

Effie Marion

When are we supposed to be converted or born again? Some say, "My children are too young to go to the altar" and will not let their children make a start. They say they have plenty of time but what does God say? He says in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." So fathers and mothers let me warn you don't hinder your boys and girls from coming to God; for Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

Some young folks say, "I am young, I want to have a good time, when I am old I will serve God." What is our life? It is in God's sight as a vapor that appeareth for awhile then vanisheth away, so we have no time to enjoy the pleasures of the world; for the world is only a dressing room, a place to prepare to go to that beautiful city where Jesus lives, so if we waste the time and fail to prepare where will we spend eternity? Young folks that assurance have you got that you will live to be old? The commandment is, "Children obey your parents that your days may be long," so if we disobey we have no promise of long life.

I would to God that I could say or do something to help the young folks to give their hearts to Jesus then they would know what real pleasure means. We may go to the shows, dances and all these worldly pleasures and enjoy them for awhile but what about Jesus? He says, "Son and daughter give me thine heart," He died on the cross and suffered untold agony to redeem you. What will you give Him?

You say, "I don't think it is any harm to go to a show," listen, shows are of the world and Jesus said, "Ye are not of the world."

Don't go anywhere that you can't take Jesus along. What will you do with Jesus? Will you say, "away with Him" as the cruel ones did when He was to be crucified? "No," some will say, "I am not against Him." Yes you are, for Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me." If you have never given Him your heart and if you disobey your parents and run to shows and dances you are not a child of His. Children remember your Creator in the days of your youth is the command. Why do we see so many little boys on the street smoking, using profanity, fighting and gambling with marbles? and doing all manner of sin and evil? It is because they have not remembered their Creator in the days of their youth, therefore the evil days have come upon them. Many fathers and mothers do not teach and warn their children of the danger of these things. Many mothers have false modesty and are ashamed to explain things to their young girls. What is the result? I will tell you the result. A few years ago there were several young ladies that had to be taken out of high school to become mothers.

God help the parents to realize the responsibility that rests upon them, to warn their children of the pitfalls and snares that the devil has for young feet, lest their blood be required at their hands.

SOULS GETTING SAVED AT COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

WILSONDALE, W. Va. — I want to thank the Lord for another victory at this place. Praise Him forever. Brother T. J. Meade from Lenore, W. Va., came here Feb. 7, and conducted a weeks meeting, and it was wonderful the way the Lord blessed despite the persecutions. There could be lots of good done here yet. Praise the Lord. There were eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, two saved and sanctified, five baptized in water and ten added to the Church during the revival. But we had the field ripe and ready to harvest when Brother Meade came as we have been having cottage prayer meetings most every night and have our altar calls. Some have received the bap-

A Confession

TO BROTHER LEE AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD:

I want to confess to the whole Church of God about going out of the Church. I am very sorry about making this mistake, but I made it and I want to ask every one to forgive me. Now Bro. Lee I want to come back to the Church of God and be under the rules and government of the Church like I once was.

I feel like God has chastised me and I have suffered enough about it for you all not to be hard on me, but if it is God's will I am willing to suffer more.

I want to tell part of my experience since I went out of the Church. The devil has tried to show me many different ways around the real Church of God, and in place of walking in the light I was walking from it.

Just a few weeks ago the scales fell off my eyes and it made me willing to lift up my hands and say, yes Lord, I will preach the Church of God just like it is laid down in the Bible. I told one of the brethren that I was going to preach the gospel and the Church of God like I did when God blessed my soul, supplied my needs and filled my soul with glory. Praise God I feel Him now. Ever since I have got willing to do that, oh, how the glory of God has filled my soul. I feel like the Holy Ghost has been renewed again, hallelujah, glory, glory. I never felt the "go ye" any more in my life than I do now.

We are expecting great things in Mississippi this year. I preached at Cleveland, Mississippi the third Sunday in March, for Brother Dunn, and oh, God did melt us down. One was reclaimed back to the Holy Ghost.

Saints pray for me that I may go on and preach the gospel. Your brother under the blood of Jesus Christ.—Lester Lay.

A Good Minister Returns.

Brother Lay has known for some time that he should return to the Church of God. We met him in Mississippi, we saw that he was possessed with a very congenial spirit toward the Church of God. Our spirits blended nicely, yet we did not hint to him that he should return to the Church of God for we thought best to leave this to himself and God. A few months later we received a letter from him, and in this we could see that God was working. He continued to work until Brother Lay is again in the ranks of the Church of God, and I think I speak the sentiment of the Church of God and the General Assembly when I say we extend unto you our dear Brother Lay a hearty welcome back to the fold, the Church of God. And may the Lord bless you abundantly in His service, and may you like Paul of old, redeem the time.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

tism at the services and also at the healing services. We are continuing these services since Brother Meade left, as there is plenty of work yet to do.

We are praying that we will get another pastor as good as Brother Meade, or that he may return. We want one who is a brave soldier on fire for God.

We have a membership of forty here now and a good Sunday school, and only have a pastor appointed temporarily, and none of the Church officials have been ordained or set forth yet. But God is answering prayer just the same. All of our members are full of the Holy Ghost except six and they are praying earnestly.

Brother H. L. Marcum, of Holden, W. Va., set the church in order here in Dec. 1925, and we would be so glad to have him as our pastor. We feel that he would have a great influence over the people here and could do a great work.

Yours in the Lord,
E. R. Noel.

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Melchizedek a Pattern

Look That Thou Make Them After Their Pattern, Which Was Shewed Thee in the Mount.—Ex. 25:40.

F. J. Lee

The altar and all instruments pertaining to the tabernacle and the worship was made from a pattern sent from heaven.

We therefore contend that likewise Melchizedek was a pattern from heaven.

Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day." The Jews did not understand Him. He said further, "And he saw it and was glad." Yes, he actually saw Jesus and was glad. They still did not understand Him. They say to Him, "Thou art not yet fifty years old and hast thou seen Abraham?" "Jesus said unto them * * * before Abraham was I am." The Syriac version says, "Before Abraham existed, I was." This should solve the matter. Since Jesus Christ existed before Abraham and He appeared to him and others of the old patriarchs in different forms and under different names as we have shown, and the different names representing Him in a particular official capacity, why not He represent Himself as the King of righteousness to the man that was to become the father of the faithful in righteousness?

At what time did Abraham see Him?

When he returned from the slaughter of the kings.

What did Abraham do?

He paid tithes to the King of righteousness, (Melchizedek).

What did the King do?

He blessed Abraham.

What does Hebrews 7:7, say of this?

Without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. (greater, Syriac.)

What did the Jews think of Abraham?

They thought him to be the greatest man that had ever lived.

Why did they look upon him as being the greatest man?

Because to him the Lord appeared. He was the father of the Jewish nation and even referred to as the father of nations. His seed was to be as numberless as the sands of the sea shore and the stars of heaven.

Paul Fought With The Beasts at Ephesus

Jernigan and Meade in W. Va. 1 Cor. 15:32.

On March 1 wife and I landed in Kermit and found a small, but loyal band of saints with T. J. Meade, their pastor. They had secured a large hall in the main part of town and on Tuesday night, Mar. 2, the battle began.

There were many unbelievers and hard fighters in Kermit, and a number of them were preachers, so I began to lay out the real Bible plan of salvation before the people. The devil was soon stirred and the people began to dust their Bibles.

I announced that on Sunday night I would prove by the Bible that the people did not get the Holy Ghost at conversion, and challenge any one to prove otherwise.

On Sunday night at the beginning of the service, I asked if any one was there to accept the challenge. One of their preachers arose, laid his overcoat aside and said, "Here is your man." We gave him a chance and he beat the air about one and one-fourth hours, and tried to find some Scripture to read but did not read a word.

When my time came to brave my points, I used for a text, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? Acts 19:2, and in connection, Philip's revival at Samaria, where the people were wonderfully saved and baptized, and afterwards received the Holy Ghost. After I had closed my discourse, I made the man own before the large crowd that I had preached the Bible just like it was.

On the next Sunday night he accepted my challenge on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues. Of course he made a blow out the same as before, for there is no point against tongues in the Bible.

On the next Sunday night, Brother Meade, the pastor,

en. He also is the father of the faithful, and is referred to as the "friend of God" and many other titles of honor were given to him.

Was there ever a Gentile king that could rank with him?

No, if Melchizedek had been only a Gentile he never would have been able to have blessed this great man, because the less is blessed by the greater.

Then who was Melchizedek? He was a being that stood in rank far above the great man Abraham.

What was Melchizedek called?

The King of righteousness.

What is said of Jesus?

He cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness. Ps. 96:13.

Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. Ps. 99:2.

Thou executest righteousness in Jacob. Ps. 99:4.

Behold a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. Isa. 32:1.

By what other title is Melchizedek called?

The King of peace.

Who is the author of peace?

Jesus came to bring peace. "Peace on earth."

Who is referred to as the Prince of peace?

Jesus. See Isa. 9:6.

By what other title is He called?

The King of Salem.

Salem was doubtless Jerusalem. Abraham pursued the kings to Dan in the extreme northern part of Palestine and when he returned he met this great personage near Jerusalem.

A demon angel controlled Persia in the days of Daniel which is evidence that demons controlled other nations and cities, especially where cities like Babylon had the ascendancy or held the reigns of government, but while Satan the prince of the world held the cities of the world, God never permitted him to take control of Salem (Jerusalem), but this was held by the Prince of peace, the King of righteousness, who being represented from the literal side, (the side in which He deals to the people of this earth physical blessings) as Melchizedek the king of Salem.

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preached on the Days of Miracles, proving by the Bible they were for us today. After the service was over, the same man called the service to order and undertook to prove otherwise but all he accomplished was to make himself enemies.

There was never a day that Kermit was so stirred and reading their Bibles, as they have been the last few days. Many are convinced that holiness is right, and the very best people of the town are hungry for the Holy Ghost.

I have been here two weeks and am leaving today on my way to Virginia, as I have accepted work there, but Brother Meade will continue the meeting.

We have only been sowing the seed, but I think they are beginning to sprout and the harvest will soon be ready for reaping. One man was saved yesterday in the mines, and others are seeking the Lord.

Brother Meade tells me of a wonderful time they had in a good Baptist home the other night after returning from service. The sister fell under the power and said she wanted all God had for her.

We had a wonderful service last night, great unity was there. You could hardly tell the difference in the Methodist, Baptist, Pilgrim Holiness and Church of God. I only regret that duty calls me away, but I am expecting to hear of a great harvest in Kermit.

Your unworthy brother,
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NEW CHURCH SET IN ORDER —39 MEMBERS

PETERSBURG, W. Va. — It has been some time since I have testified through the Evangel of how God is working.

I have been pastoring the church at Boynton, Pa., for nearly a year and Sister Swanson from Six Point, Pa., came and took charge of the work here so I started out on an evangelistic tour. I went to Petersburg and on January 2 set a church in order and now have thirty-nine members and about forty have been saved and a number sanctified. The meeting continued nearly six weeks and the Lord is still blessing. We have a church building under headway at that place and I feel sure will have a place of worship completed soon. I was taken in the Church of God by Brother Poteat, Overseer of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Del., and Maine, last March and I would not want to be out of the Church of God.

We take the Evangel paper and it is surely a welcome visitor in our home.

If the Lord would only send some Spirit-filled man or servant to Petersburg, who stands four-square for the Church of God and her teachings to take charge of the work there, as the dear people want me to stay and pastor the place but I feel the Lord wants me to go to other fields. Any one going there that has the ability to pastor a place, and is not afraid to go through with hardships for Jesus' sake will be taken care of and supported.

Write me at Elk Lick, Pa.
J. W. Tanner.

Victory Being Won For God in Orlando, Florida District

We have many things to praise God for, but one of the best is the way He is blessing in saving souls and healing the people.

A few weeks ago we got Brother Curry to take his tent and pitch it in Sanford and he started a revival. Brother Carl M. Padgett and myself helped out all we could and God gave a real pentecostal meeting. Souls wept their way through to God. We were able to set a church in order with seventeen members with others to come in later.

One lady with paralyzed limbs came in the tent one night. We prayed for her and Jesus made her whole. This was thought to be a tough place, but when we got our shoulders to the wheel God crowned our efforts with success and gave us a good church. A place for worship has been purchased, also a parsonage, praise the good Lord.

Many will say nothing can be done at such a place, but that is all the devil wants. If we will go to a place and tell the people we want to run a meeting they will help us. Come on brethren and let's make this the best year for the Church of God.

The new church is at Lake Monroe, three miles from Sanford. May God bless all is my prayer.—J. A. Farmer, dist. pastor, Orlando, Fla.

Bottles have been picked up at sea thousands of miles from the point where they have been cast into the water. Our careless, flippant words of judgment of the character of someone; words lightly and perhaps innocently spoken, may be carried by unknown currents and bring sorrow, misery and shame to (some one) the innocent.

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Awake, Awake, The Need is Great

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it. We need more missionaries on the fields and if we can get the money we can get the men. Some people think because a man or woman go to Foreign Fields they ought to suffer hardships and nearly starve and be without clothes, but I can tell you there are plenty of hardships and self-denial in Foreign Fields when you have all your needs supplied.

Let us move up on this line and every one who reads this give something to the Missionary cause for you are going to get a chance soon. I would like to have gone back to Jamaica this year, but the Lord didn't permit on account of my husband's health. He has just recovered from another attack of appendicitis. I guess it is best we didn't go, but the work is on my heart anyway. I am anxious for the Church of God to be a great success over there. I want to see many people from over there shouting around the throne of God.

Gold Dug From Other's Mines

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because imaginations effect the whole man to the finger tips. Unholy thoughts, unholy acts and evil imaginations translate themselves into life. Keep thy heart with diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

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